

Greater Works Christian Church

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Faith

"To the man of faith, there is not a thing that is not opportunity."

-Smith Wigglesworth

Introduction: Studying healing brought us to the realization that "Faith" had a great deal to do with healing. Often a persons faith was the determining factor on whether or not they received their healing. We see this truth in the words of Jesus.

Matthew 9:22

But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

Matthew 9:29, 30

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See *that* no one knows *it*."

Matthew 15:28

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Mark 10:52

Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Luke 17:19

And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." (Leper)

As we can plainly see from these verses, the faith of the individual was an important aspect of being healed. Since this is obviously the case. It would be wise for us today to do what ever we can to increase our faith and exercise it correctly.

"Without faith, you have nothing. You cannot be saved without it. You cannot be healed without it."

-Smith Wigglesworth

We ALL Have a Measure of Faith

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Dealt (Grk. 3307) <i>merizo</i> 1) to divide, to distribute, bestow, impart	Measure (Grk. 3358) <i>metron</i> 1) measure, an instrument for measuring 2) determined extent, portion measured off, measure or limit
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Note: This verse makes it abundantly clear that each of us has a “measure of faith”. It took faith to accept the salvation of the Lord and this same faith can accept and secure all the promises and blessings of God (including healing). As a people of God that want to be pleasing to God we know that we need faith in order to please Him (Heb 11:6). This is the reason why we will learn of, and press into greater dimensions of faith.

“Everyone in this place who is saved has a million times more than they know.”

-Smith Wigglesworth

Faith Is...

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is recognized by what we give ourselves to. Our Faith will eventually be seen in what we do, and heard in what we say. No one can hide or fake their faith for very long.

-Robert A. Enos

1.) Faith (Grk. 4102) <i>pistis</i> 1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief 2) the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ 3) a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God 4) faithfulness (the character of one who can be relied on)	4.) Evidence (Grk. 1650) <i>elegchos</i> 1) a proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested 2) conviction
2.) Substance (Grk. 5287) <i>hupostasis</i> 1) a setting or placing under, substructure, foundation	5.) Seen (Grk. 991) <i>blepo</i> 1) to see, discern, of the bodily eye, perceive by the use of the eyes: to see, look descry, to

<p>2) that which has foundation, is firm, that which has actual existence</p> <p>3) a substance, real being</p> <p>4) the steadfastness of mind, firmness, courage, resolution</p>	<p>perceive by the senses, to feel</p> <p>2) to discover by use, to know by experience</p> <p>3) metaphorically to see with the mind's eye, to have (the power of) understanding</p> <p>4) to turn the thoughts or direct the mind to a thing, to consider, contemplate, to look at, to weigh carefully, examine</p>
<p>3.) Things Hoped For (Grk. 1679) <i>elpizo</i></p> <p>1) to hope</p> <p>2) hopefully to trust in</p>	

Your Faith makes You an Overcomer

1 John 5:3-5

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Note: Every Christian wants to “overcome the world” and its influences. Each of us want the same victories that Christ secured by His faith. The truth is that we can have and experience the same victories over the world and its influence that Jesus had. The thing that we need to be an Overcomer is faith. God has already given each of us a “measure of faith” that now qualifies us for overcomers status.

Conclusion: It isn't a matter of whether or not a Christian has faith, but it is a matter of what he/she is doing with that faith. We all have faith! But what are we doing with it?

- *Do you express your faith towards God by believing His word?*
- *Or do you express your faith in the report of the economists? The doctors? The Politicians? The media? Or....?*

When we focus our faith on God, His will and His word He will take pleasure in this. As we continue to focus on Him and His ways, the things of God will manifest in our lives in greater measure.